## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1375 By Buck

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ruth Johns McCluskey on the celebration of her one hundredth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Johns McCluskey will celebrate her one hundred birthday on July 28, 2006, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McCluskey was born and raised in the Old Jefferson community of Rutherford County; she attended the Greenwood School, graduated from Smyrna High School, and earned a degree from the Tennessee Normal School for Women in Murfreesboro, which is now Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ruth McCluskey served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher, guiding the minds of the children attending a two-room school in Crossville serving grades one through eight; and

WHEREAS, she is now a highly respected member of the Knoxville community; and WHEREAS, she was joined in marriage with the Reverend Joe McCluskey; and WHEREAS, as Ms. McCluskey approaches her eleventh decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, possessing a verve for life and its various complexities, Ruth McCluskey is an avid follower of both local and national news events, remains a learned student of the political landscape, continues to cultivate her love of reading, and is well known for her appreciation of bridge and other card games and for her enjoyment of crossword puzzles; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ruth Johns McCluskey on the celebration of her one hundredth birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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